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KC FELON INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., felon was indicted by a federal grand jury today for illegally possessing a firearm.

Herbert L. Conroy, 28, of Kansas City, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Conroy** was in possession of a Sturm, Ruger and Company Mini-14 .223 caliber rifle between Feb. 12, 2004, and Feb. 27, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Conroy** has a 2000 criminal felony conviction for unlawful use of a weapon, a 1996 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance in a county jail, a 1991 criminal felony conviction for ethnic intimidation, and a 1991 criminal felony conviction for assault.

Conroy was originally charged in a criminal complaint filed on Feb. 27, 2004, in Kansas City. Today's federal indictment replaces that criminal complaint.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, **Conroy** was arrested following a 15-hour stand-off with law enforcement officers at his residence, which is located at 1503 W. Sheley Road.

Law enforcement officers had been investigating **Conroy** for illegal possession of firearms. On Feb. 26, 2004, after obtaining a no-knock search warrant, law enforcement officers surrounded **Conroy's** house and ordered him to come out of the residence, the affidavit states. After 15 hours, law enforcement officers made a dynamic entry into the residence and discovered the firearm and several rounds of live ammunition, according to the affidavit.

Conroy was later located inside a neighboring residence, located at 1411 W. Sheley,

where he was placed under arrest, according to the affidavit.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the Jackson County, Mo., Drug Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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